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Cold spell easing for some

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A number of weather warnings for snow and ice are still in place across the UK, however, a change to less cold conditions is underway for some.

Met Office Chief Meteorologist, Jason Kelly, said: "The first Atlantic airmass for a while is making some inroads across southern and central parts of the country bringing less cold conditions to many southern areas, whilst the cold airmass continues to hold on in the north. Where these two airmasses meet is the focus for continuing ice risk. For parts of northeast Scotland, wintry showers will bring some icy conditions overnight, as well as some accumulating snow inland.

"However further south rain will become the main hazard and a yellow warning for rain had been issued for Monday for parts of the South West. Warnings may well be updated over the coming days so keep up to date with the forecast in your area."

As we go through the start of next week less cold conditions will continue in the south while the colder weather is likely to persist further north with a continued risk of widespread frosts and hill snow. By the end of the week, however, any risk of snow is likely to be restricted to higher ground in northern Scotland. Temperatures should return back to around average for most as wetter and windier conditions become established.

The UKHSA has issued yellow and amber cold-health alerts for the health sector covering all regions of England through until the 5th December.

Snowfall in late autumn or early winter doesn't generally linger because ground temperatures broadly remain relatively high, especially compared with values in late winter, after the ground loses more of its warmth.

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